**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* No case has been brought to the notice of the Government.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur-South):* I know as a matter of fact there are instances where amounts have not been paid by those big companies.

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* If the hon'ble member gives such information, I shall write to the Comptroller of Finance & Accounts.

## MATHRUBHOOMI—REQUEST FOR ANCHAL CONCESSIONS

**59. Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if the *Mathrubhoomi* from Calicut had applied for getting Anchal facilities in the State;

(*b*) whether the request had been sanctioned;

(*c*) if the answer is in the negative, will Government be pleased to inform this House what was the reason for refusing the request;

(*d*) will Government be pleased to place the copies of the correspondence regarding the same on the Council Table?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The request is inadmissible under the rules.

(*d*) No public interest is served by placing copies of the correspondence on the table.

**60. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon** *(Narakkal):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if any application has been received from any newspaper from outside the State requesting for Anchal facilities here;

(*b*) whether any such application had been at any time recommended by the Madras Government;

(*c*) whether that request has been sanctioned;

(*d*) if not, will Government be pleased to state on what ground the request had been rejected;

(*e*) will Government be pleased to amend the existing rules, if there are any legal difficulties in the way of granting such requests now?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes;

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from *Chandrika* and *Mathrubhoomi*, two dailies published in British Malabar.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Please see answer to question No. 59.

(*e*) Government do not see any necessity to amend the rules now.

**61. Mr. T. K. Nayar** *(Palayannur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if any Newspapers from outside the State have applied for Anchal facilities here;

(*b*) has any of the application been recommended by the Madras Government;

(*c*) has the request been sanctioned to any of the papers;

(*d*) if the answer to the above is in the negative, will Government be pleased to state the reasons for the refusal;

(*e*) will Government be pleased to place on the Council Table the correspondence that passed between this Government, the papers concerned and the Madras Government?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Please see answer to question No. 60.

(*b*) Do.

(*c*) Do.

(*d*) Do.

(*e*) There was no correspondence with the Madras Government in the matter. As regards the other papers please see answer to sub-division (*d*) of question No. 59.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, what is the policy adopted by this Government in the matter of granting Anchal concessions to newspapers published outside the State?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* The policy of the Government is that they are not given any concessions.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Do you give any concession for papers which are published in Cochin State?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* We give concessions to papers which are printed and published in the Cochin State.

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**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, whether other States are giving concessions to our papers?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether a paper printed outside Cochin but published from Cochin will get the concession?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* If the papers are published here, they may or may not get the concession. It is a question of law. The rules are very clear, and if they come under the rules all concessions will be given.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnakulam):* I think the *Mathrubhumi* is published from Trichur, and if they are able to prove that, will they be given the concessions?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* If they come under the rules they will be given the concessions.

**Mr. K. Ayyappan** *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Is not granting concessions advantageous to the Government?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* It is a matter of opinion.

**Mr. K. Ayyappan** *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* It can be worked out.

**Mr. T. K. Nayar** *(Pazhayannur):* May I know what the practice is in the Postal department?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* The Postal department is a system throughout British India and it is one unit. We cannot copy their practice. The Postal department wherever it is, it is the same.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Cheruthuruthi):* I hope Government have not gone into the question. May I know what will be the additional income that will come out of this?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

**Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon** *(Narakkal):* May I know whether the application came through the Madras Government and if so, what was the recommendation made by the Government of Madras?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

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**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will the Government be pleased to go into the question of amending the rules, if it is profitable to the Government?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* If it is profitable, it might have been considered, if no other circumstances have stood in the way of getting profits.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Cheruthuruthi):* We are really at a loss to understand how it will not be profitable.

**Mr. M. K. Devassy** *(Adur):* Has the Government enquired whether the *Mathrubhumi* comes by post or anchal?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* We have not made any special enquiry,

**Mr. M. K. Devassy** *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to take it from me that it comes through post.

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* There is no harm in taking it from you.

**Mr. M. K. Devassy** *(Adur):* Does not the Government think that if they are given some concessions, they will resort to the anchal system?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* The question is not one of profit alone. Certain rules have been framed. They have been framed irrespective of the consideration of profit alone.

**Mr. M. K. Devassy** *(Adur):* The advisability of revising the rules may be considered in view of the revenue which we may get.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnakulam):* According to me there is no necessity for revising the rules. If they publish the paper at Trichur or Ernakulam or anywhere in Cochin and post in that place it is sufficient.

**Mr. T. K. Nayar** *(Pazhayannur):* May we know what the other considerations are?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* The question of granting concessions should be within the rules.

**Mr. T. K. Nayar** *(Pazhayannur):* Then you can amend the Act and the rules.

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* The question of amending the Act and the rules does not arise at question time.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Cheruthuruthi):* Have the Government made any enquiries as to the number of copies of *Mathrubhumi* sold in Cochin?

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**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* We made all the relevant enquiries, but not as to the number of copies of the *Mathrubhumi* sold here.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Is any additional cost involved in allowing this?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* To the best of my knowledge there would be no additional cost to the department.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* On the other hand you will be getting some profit.

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Secretary to Government):* That aspect has been adverted to by three hon'ble members.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL ROLLS—DIFFERENCES IN NUMBER OF VOTERS

**62. Mr. C.R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to name the three constituencies of the Legislative Council, the preliminary electoral rolls now prepared and the last electoral rolls of which show the largest difference in the number of voters and state the number of difference in each?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):*

| *Constituencies* | *No. of voters as per the rolls of 1113* | *No. of voters as per the preliminary rolls of 1116* | *Difference* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Chittur-Tattamangalam .. | 3582 | 2046 | —1536 |
| 2. Kunnamkulam .. | 6426 | 5050 | —1376 |
| 3. Ernakulam (Women) .. | 6373 | 7433 | +1060 |

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether in view of the fact that there is so much of difference in the number of voters Government will look into the matter and see that the list is revised and something is done?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* I have already looked into the matter and there is absolutely no reason for any doubt that the list is properly made. In this connection, I will read the reports obtained from the Tattamangalam Chairman, the Chittur Chairman and the Chittur Tahsildar in the matter:

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